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## THE CAUSE OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE.

While the Czar wavers between two counsels, whether to sue for peace or to waste more men and treasure in a ruinous war, the Russian press rings with angry denunciation of the Government. At last the gag has been torn off and St. Petersburg officialdom hears plain truths defiantly spoken. The Czar is not attacked by name. But the autocratic system of which he is the personal head and preserver is scathingly condemned and threatened.

"Representative government" is the common cry. "The war caused the bandage to drop from the nation's eyes," says the Slovo, the Grand Duke Michael's organ. "The abyss is now visible and the nation cries enough. The bureaucracy has had its say and has crowned its work of national shame and humiliation. The Japanese have not conquered the Russian people, but an incapable and servile government of bureaucrats." Then follows a plain threat that once in the history of Russia a new dynasty was chosen by the Zemsky Sobor.

M. Suvorin in the Novoye Vremya insists upon the immediate summoning of a popular assembly to meet the advancing crisis. The Russ exclaims: "Sebastopol struck the shackles from the serfs, and Port Arthur, Mukden and Tsu Island should free Russia from the bureaucracy." The radical and lower class papers all clamor for peace and internal reforms.

The army in Manchuria is reported to be ripe for revolt. The workmen of the industrial centres are planning general strikes. Revolution is in the air—a peaceable change if the Czar acquiesces, a forcible one if he holds out for theories of absolutism. Yet Nicholas palter and shuffles, as though his power were not fast fading. But what if Oyama strikes swiftly in Manchuria and overwhelms Linevich as he did Kuropatkin at Mukden? Will the Russian people still leave the Czar any choice in recognizing their rights? Will they have the manhood to make good the demands and threats they have been uttering for the last four months, or will they still suffer a weakling monarch to decide their fate from his prison palace of Tsarskoe-Selo?

## LIFE INSURANCE.

Of the eight billion dollars of life insurance in the cities of the United States New York has over a quarter. There is no community in the United States where life insurance is so universal and where the people are so vitally affected by any extravagance in its management or any uncertainty in its returns.

The opportunity to invest small individual savings is much more limited in New York than in smaller communities. New York real estate is so valuable that comparatively few men can put their savings into the ownership of their own homes. Small business investments of assured security are also proportionately less. Thus savings banks and life insurance have become almost the only safe means of putting by small sums as protection against the future.

Savings banks in their investments are carefully restricted by law. Their management is also regulated as that of a trust fund both in spirit and in fact. Such a thing as a savings bank spending 90 per cent. of the income from its investments in the administration of its affairs is hardly conceivable. Yet this is what the Equitable Life Assurance Society did last year.

Even more than a savings bank fund should life insurance funds be carefully protected because the money in a savings bank is the property of the living, subject to their watchful guardianship, while the assets of a life insurance company are the property of the heirs of the dead.

## WOMEN AND GOLF.

As the American women golf players successively go down to defeat in the contest for the women's championship of Great Britain there is the consolation that they have yet creditably represented their native land on the links across the sea. Behind the British golfing woman, as behind the velvet turf of the Oxford college which excited the American visitors' admiration, there are centuries of endeavor by contrast with the two decades during which the game has flourished here.

But that so numerous a delegation of American women golfers could be found qualified and ready to cross the ocean to enter into competition for the championship furnishes gratifying evidence of the extent to which American women have taken to golf seriously. The publication last week of the season's handicaps of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association revealed a surprisingly full list of entries. The amount of desultory feminine golf indulged in without aspiration for championship honors has become very great.

What it is doing for the improvement of feminine physique and nerves and poise requires only a glance around to discover.

## GRADUATE CABINET MEMBERS.

Mr. Morton, following distinguished precedent, leaves the Cabinet to engage in corporation activities in New York. He arrives by a route now become well travelled. What to do with our ex-Presidents may remain a problem, but the manifest destiny of ex-Cabinet officers is now well recognized.

The Cabinet thus seems now to have become a finishing school for high finance. What the business college is to the mercantile house and the school of technology to the mill or the mine, membership in the President's official family is to executive place in the business world. And Uncle Sam continues to provide ungrudgingly the tuition which makes Cabinet members eligible for these post-graduate prizes.

## The People's Corner.

Letters from Evening World Readers

### Question of Relationship.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
What relation is a first cousin to a first cousin's son? Also, what relation is a first cousin's son to a first cousin's son?  
ARTHUR L. BENT

First cousin once removed. Second cousin.

Panama Canal Commission, No. 42 Broadway.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Where should I make application for a position on the Panama Canal, and where can I get particulars regarding the nature of the work, &c.

C. IGNATIUS.

Baseball Grievance.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Often have the people been annoyed by the games being played on Sunday. Is not Sunday the only day of pleasure for thousands of young and old men? By what right do the authorities interfere? There is no law

against Sunday baseball that will stand the test of a lawsuit well conducted. There is no wrong so hard to bear as the crushing of personal liberties.

LOVER OF FREEDOM.

Dislikes "Uptown" and "Downtown."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

It seems to me incorrect to say "Uptown" and "downtown" of the City of New York. Who can suggest more fitting terms?

M. F.

Interchangeable Tickets.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

The Subway and the "L" are under one management. Therefore it is but fair and logical that Subway and "L" tickets should be interchangeable and that a Subway ticket should be good on the "L" or an "L" ticket on the Subway. Many people use both roads, and it would be convenient for such to buy a string of tickets good on either line. Let the red tape be cut out and the same ticket be accepted on both lines.

GEORGE PARKER.

## A Frick-a-See!

By J. Campbell Cory.



The Equitable's "Biggest Three,"  
Who once cut such a dash,  
Now wriggle while the Frick-a-See  
Fries out their unearned cash.

## Said & on & the & Side

NUMEROUS romances from the Rialto, but none more pleasing than those of the occasional rise

of chorus girls from the ranks. Latest instance of interest that of William Gillette's new leading lady, who was

a dancer only two years ago. Opportunity seems always there for the show

girl to show the stuff of which she's made and for the understudy to capture

stellar honors on the star's night off. Frequency with which they do so testifies to remarkable capacity.

Story from London of "\$3,000 paid for

a piece of china." Ridiculously cheap from the Russian point of view.

"One more setback for the Hall of Records." Thereby breaking all previous ones.

Another Maine man to the front, this time as a possible head for the Equitable. Relation of the Maine man to the main chance grows closer with every passing year.

Discovery of another new star by a Harvard professor. Question whether he has not missed his vocation in hiding

in cloistered academic shades talents which would shine on Broadway.

Regarding stars, said by Lady Helen Forbes that "the Lord made the American girl for a society woman and as a society woman she shines the brightest star in a galaxy of stars." This testimony of an Englishwoman of title of different tenor from that usually heard from the women who have seen their wearers of coronets dazzled by these bright particular stars.

Only a coincidence that the taking of

the census in New Jersey begins on the same day with that of New York, though the Jersey enumerators will count hundreds of thousands of persons who are citizens of the greater city in all but place of residence.

Feat of the Brooklyn man who fasted for forty-five days seems less heroic in view of the statement that he had previously accustomed himself to do without meat, tea or coffee.

"No graft in Japan," according to David Starr Jordan, but the Sunrise Kingdom is still in infancy as a modern nation and its development not complete.

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## The Trimming of Little Tim.

A Vitascopic-Stenographic Interview with the President of the Board of Aldermen in Which It Is Shown that a Crushing Blow Has Been Delivered at Our Civic Liberties and We Never Knew It till Now!

By Roy L. McCardell.

WHAT is your name? A. Timothy P. Sullivan, formerly known as "Boston Tim," but now generally called "Little Tim."

Q. What is your official position? A. I am President of the Board of Aldermen of New York City. But what's the use?

Q. What do you mean by that? Why, didn't you hear of the outrage New York City has suffered at the hands of a Republican Legislature and a Republican Governor?

Q. No; what is it? A. Well, I don't wonder at "Big Tim" Sullivan wanting to quit Congress and be a State Senator again. If the "Big Fellow" was up at Albany this wouldn't have happened.

Q. What has happened? A. Why, we are being deprived of home rule. What is the use of voting here in New York? The Legislature deprives the citizens of New York of the power of self-government. Who will stand between the greedy corporations and prevent them plundering the people now since the governor signed the bill that deprives the Board of Aldermen of the power of granting franchises?

Q. No one seems excited over it but you. A. That's what makes me so blooming mad! What's the use of being an Alderman now?

Q. What was the use of being an Alderman then? A. Look how we kept the Port Chester Railroad out of New York because they did not come to us "with clean hands."

Q. Was there no "dust" on their hands? A. Never you mind. They did not mean business. Anyway, they didn't do any.

Q. Wasn't it generally thought that the Board of Aldermen "held up" franchises till Murphy got the contracts? A. Yes; but that wasn't proved, was it?

Q. You think the Board of Aldermen thoroughly honest? A. Didn't we investigate ourselves? Alderman "Reggie" Doull asked all the other Aldermen if they were dishonest or grafters and they all denied it. Alderman Doull is the best looking man on the Board, too!

Q. But the power of granting franchises is left with the Comptroller and other members of the Board of Apportionment, is it not? A. Ah! but suppose dishonest men were on the Board of Apportionment?

Q. Isn't that a risk we ran with the Aldermen? A. No. I was President of the Board of Aldermen, and they were all as honest as the day is long.

Q. But how long is the Aldermanic day? A. Never you mind. The Board of Aldermen never cared who or how long they worked when it was a question of franchises. We never granted a franchise to irresponsible parties.

Q. You think taking away the Aldermen's powers a mistake? A. No; it's a crime! The Aldermen only tried to do everybody good, but what thanks do we get?

Q. Do you want thanks? A. Well, there are some other things we liked better, and fortunately we made the Pennsylvania Railroad and other big corporations prove they were financially strong before we let them do business in this town. But who will protect the city now?

Q. How about the newspapers? A. They are no good! They always roasted the Board of Aldermen, and Alderman Doull is certainly handsome!

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